

**DAVIE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD**  
**APRIL 29, 2002**

**1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. Board members present were Chair John Pickett, Vice-Chair Pj Grant, Jill Cohen, Alice Harrington, Kimberly Sereda and Wendy Weiner. Also present was Board Secretary Janet Gale recording the meeting. Patricia Cardella and Debbie Meyers were absent.

**2. SELECTION OF CHAIR**

Chair Pickett opened the nominations. Ms. Cohen nominated Ms. Grant, seconded by Ms. Harrington. Chair Pickett nominated Ms. Cohen who declined the nomination. Ms. Grant inquired if the position was for the Board's term and it was believed that the position was for two years. (She accepted the nomination and as there were no other nominations and no objections, with Ms. Cardella and Ms. Meyers being absent, Ms. Grant was unanimously selected Chair.) **(Motion carried 6-0)**

**3. SELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

Chair Grant nominated Ms. Sereda for Vice-Chair, seconded by Ms. Cohen. There were no other nominations. In a voice vote, with Ms. Cardella and Ms. Meyers being absent, all voted in favor. **(Vote carried 6-0)**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 28, 2002**

Ms. Cohen indicated that there was a correction to page 2, first paragraph, "Ms. Cohen recalled that Police Chief John George ..." and noted that it may have been Ms. Meyers who made the statement. Ms. Gale indicated that she would listen to the tapes to denote the correct person and amend the minutes.

Vice-Chair Sereda made a motion, seconded by Ms. Harrington, to approve the minutes as amended. In a voice vote, with Ms. Cardella and Ms. Meyers being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 6-0)**

**5. DISCUSSION - BOARD POLICY ORDINANCE 2002-9**

Chair Grant referenced the section of the ordinance which addressed the policy of selecting a secretary from among the Board members. After a brief discussion and several questions posed about the position, the Board decided to defer the issue until a full Board was selected.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**6.1 2002 Meeting Schedule**

The Board decided to continue meeting on the third Monday of the month; however, several members had a conflict with June 17th. It was agreed that the June meeting would be rescheduled to June 10, 2002, if a meeting room was available.

**6.2 Discussion on Broward County School Board Activities Impacting Davie Students**

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Chair Grant advised of the date and place of an upcoming school boundary hearing. She stated that the boundary issues had been resolved and established for the elementary and middle schools; however, the discussion would be on high schools as the "entire package" needed to be approved and there were still pending boundary issues for the high schools. Chair Grant advised that Piper, Plantation and South Plantation High Schools were "up in the air." She would not speculate on the outcome of the impending hearings.

Mr. Pickett mentioned that there had been several newspaper articles regarding cell phone use in active school zones which had been an issue of interest for the Board. Chair Grant indicated that Governor Bush had signed a bill that prohibited local governments from regulating driver's use of cell phones for one year while the State studied whether or not this distraction caused accidents. Vice-Chair Sereda indicated that there were signs in the Indian Ridge Middle School parking lot discouraging the use of cell phones when picking up or dropping off students. Chair Grant confirmed that other schools were posting signs suggesting the same thing.

Ms. Cohen inquired if anyone had heard from Linda Green, Communications Chairperson for the District Advisory Council for the Broward County School Board, regarding further research on the school nurse issue. Chair Grant indicated that she understood the program had received the funding and was implemented at Indian Ridge and that the Town Council's support was expected. Vice-Chair Sereda offered to contact Ms. Green for further information on this issue.

**6.3 Charter Schools**

Vice-Chair Sereda advised that Charter schools were seeking the ability to hire non-certified teachers. She suggested that this should be something to consider in the Board's evaluation of Charter schools.

Chair Grant observed a statement in the newspaper advising that Broward County was very close to reaching the allocated "slots" for Charter schools and if the Town was interested in pursuing Charter schools, it needed to act quickly. There was some discussion about proposed Charter schools in Weston and how it would impact Davie students. Ms. Harrington inquired on the results of the feasibility study made by the Haskell Company. In reply, Ms. Cohen reported her observations of the presentation which had been made to Council and indicated that she would find out the status of the study and report to the Board.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business discussed.

**8. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS**

There was a brief discussion about the Sunshine Law then discussion resumed regarding Charter school research. The Board agreed that it was open to hearing

presentations from a variety of companies. Ms. Harrington suggested meeting with other communities which have had experience with Charter schools, both the successes and

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failures, in order to obtain another perspective. Chair Grant advised that the County had a Charter School Task Force which might be helpful in answering some questions.

Dr. Weiner indicated that Florida International University and Florida Atlantic University had schools that were setup like Charter schools and that since they were located in Davie, they may be interested in participating. She offered to contact them and report back to the Board.

Ms. Harrington suggested that the Board review the set of goals which it had established at the beginning of its term.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Harrington made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Sereda, to adjourn. In a voice vote, with Ms. Cardella and Ms. Meyers being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 6-0)**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chair/Board Member